5 May 1947

Mr. Robert Pell 1719 K Street, NW Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Thank you very sincerely for your kind letter of 2nd May. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing me and your remarks more than I can say, particularly, since it was due to your early training that I could even be considered for this job. The training under the European Information Center was the finest thing that ever happened to me.

I do hope that you will have lunch with me some time in the near future. I should suggest, if convenient to you, next Friday, May 9, at the La Salle du Bois, at 12:30. If this date is not convenient, I shall try again.

Again with thanks, believe me,

Most sincerely,

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R. H. Hillenkoetter

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R003100130075-6 1719 K Street, NW (Third Floor) Washington, D.C. May 2, 1947

Dear Admiral:

My war colleague, Commander Abbott of ONI, told me of your appointment some time ago, but I wished to wait for the public announcement before adding my congratulation to the many which you must be receiving. I know of no one better for the post, and I hope that the European Information Center of ten years back was one step to this high position.

After finishing my duties with SHAFF I spent a year in France as General Manager of the New York Post's European Edition and have just completed the winding up process of that interesting but umprofitable venture. Any way I got to/France in a way I never should otherwise, especially the French Communists who hated our guts. But why talk of France to one of the great experts on that marvelous country?

Again many congratulations and fair sailing.....

Yours ever,

Robert Pell

Rear Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter 25 and E Streets, NW Washington, D.C.

(Third Floor) Washington, D.C.

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Dear Admiral:

Many thanks for your letter of the fifth; I look forward to luuching with you on Friday at 12:30, Salle du Bois.

As ever, faithfulls

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